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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM BREMER

1. AS YOU ASKED, I SPOKE TO SENATOR HUMPHREY ABOUT YOUR MINNEAPOLIS SPEECH. I SAID YOU WERE CONSIDERING GIVING A THOUGHTFUL, SOMEWHAT PHILOSOPHIC SPEECH ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF MORALITY TO PRACTICALITY IN FOREIGN POLICY. I SAID YOU WOULD BRING IN FOREIGN AID, DETENTE AND OTHER SUBJECTS BUT THAT IT WOULD PROBABLY NOT BE A HEADLINE GRABBER.

2. HUMPHREY SAID SUCH A SPEECH "WOULD BE IDEAL FOR OUR PART OF THE WORLD -- JUST EXCELLENT -- SINCE WE HAVE IDEALISTS OUT THERE BUT ALSO NEED TO SHOW THEM THE PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF IDEALS." HUMPHREY ADDED THAT HE HOPED YOU WOULD MAKE A REFERENCE TO TRADE AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF LIBERAL TRADE LEGISLATION. IN CONNECTION WITH THAT POINT, HE URGED YOU TO MENTION SPECIFICALLY AGRICULTURE

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AND ELECTRONICS, THE REGION'S MAJOR INDUSTRIES. HE ADDED

THAT IT WOULD BE GOOD FOR YOU TO RECOGNIZE IN YOUR SPEECH THAT THE AREA IS THE NATION'S BREADBASKET (SOYBEANS, CORN, WHEAT).

3. ON AID, HUMPHREY SUGGESTED YOU MAKE CLEAR WHERE OUR AID MONEY IS SPENT (HE SAID 87PCT IS SPENT IN THE USA) AND THAT OUR AID, AS A PERCENT OF OUR GNP, IS LIMITED COMPARED TO TO OTHER COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SCANDANAVIAN COUNTRIES.

4. IN SUM, THE SENATOR WAS EBULLIENT ABOUT YOUR SPEECH TOPIC. HE SAID THAT IT WAS NOT NECESSARY TO MAKE HEADLINES.

5. HUMPHREY TOLD ME HE NOW PLANS TO ATTEND YOUR SPEECH. I ASKED IF WE COULD GIVE HIM A RIDE IN ANY DIRECTION, AND HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE A LIFT BACK TO MILWAUKEE ON YOUR PLANE. I, OF COURSE, AGREED. (HE WILL ATTEND THE ALL STAR GAME AND PLANS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON TUESDAY NIGHT, SO DECLINED MY OFFER TO RIDE BACK TO WASHINGTON.)

6. LAIRD'S PRESENT PLANS ARE TO BE IN WASHINGTON MONDAY AND NEW YORK ON BUSINESS TUESDAY. HE IS OF COURSE AWARE OF YOUR INVITATION AND HIS SECRETARY SAID IF HE CHANGES HIS PLANS, SHE WILL LET US KNOW.

7. WE HAVE CONTACTED ZABLOCKI'S OFFICE TO FOLLOWUP ON YOUR CONVERSATION LAST NIGHT. HIS ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE WILL BE BACK IN TOUCH WHEN THEY HAVE A FIRM DECISION ON THE CONGRESSMAN'S PLANS. WE OFFERED HIM A RIDE ON YOUR PLANE.

8. CONGRESSMAN ROBERT W. KASTEN, A FRESHMAN REPUBLICAN FROM WISCONSIN, TOLD MCCLOSKEY HE WOULD LIKE TO RIDE OUT WITH YOU. AGAIN, WE HAVE CONTACTED HIS OFFICE TO FOLLOW UP AND GIVE HIM YOUR TRAVEL SCHEDULE. THEY WILL LET US KNOW WHAT KASTEN'S PLANS ARE.

9. WE HAVE LOOKED INTO GETTING A LARGER PLANE FOR THE TRIP IN THE EVENT WE CANNOT TRAVEL BY JET STAR.(ON THE JET STAR YOU COULD MANAGE THREE CONGRESSMEN ASSUMING MRS. KISSINGER ACCOMPANIES YOU AND THAT WE USE THE SEAT OPPOSITE YOU.)

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THE NEXT LARGEST PLANE IS A C-9 WHICH SEATS 42. WE HAVE RESERVED A C-9 FOR YOU IN CASE IT IS NEEDED, THOUGH I SHOULD NOTE THAT IF YOU USE IT, YOU WILL INEVITABLY BE UNDER PRESSURE TO TAKE YOUR PRESS CORPS ALONG, TOO, SINCE A NUMBER OF THEM ARE PLANNING TO COVER YOUR SPEECHES. AND ONCE WE FILL UP THE PLANE, WE HAVE MOTORCADES, HOTEL ROOMS, AND LUGGAGE PROBLEMS GALORE WHICH WILL MAKE FOR A FAIRLY HIGH PROFILE ENTOURAGE. INGERSOLL

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